

***Allowable Subject Matter***

1. Claims 1-44 are allowed. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 1-44 are considered allowable since no prior art reference alone or in combination with other prior art references disclose or suggest the combination of limitations specified in the independent claims including:

"The administration system configured to automatically and dynamically alter a performance policy of the port of the network to conform with a pre-determined application specific performance criteria" in combination with other claim limitations as specified in claim 1.

"automatically and dynamically altering a performance policy of the portion of the network to conform with the predetermined application specific performance criteria in response to a determination that the performance of the portion of the network fails to conform with the predetermined application specific performance criteria" in combination with other claim limitations as specified in claim 17

"automatically and dynamically altering a performance policy of the portion of network to conform with the predetermined application specific performance criteria in response to a determination that the performance of the portion of the network fails to conform with the predetermined application specific performance criteria" in combination with other claim limitations as specified in claim 31.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

***Conclusion***

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ROBERT W. WILSON whose telephone number is (571)272-3075. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00-4:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dang Ton can be reached on 571/272-3171. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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